

PESEK-PETERS MATCH NEXT BIG OMAHA MAT CARD

Newest Nebraska Wrestling Sensation to Make First Big Time Start Here on July 4.

With the Stecher-Zbyszko match a matter of history, attention of Omaha and Nebraska wrestling fans turns to the clash between John Pesek of Shelton, Neb. and Charles Peters of Papillion, Neb., which will be staged at Kourke park, July 4.

All arrangements for this Independence day go were consummated last week. Articles of agreement have been signed calling for a match to the finish, two falls out of three, with no time limit. Jask Lewis will promote the bout.

Pesek is the newest wrestling sensation produced by the Cornhusker state which of late has made a specialty of turning out high-class mat artists.

Carefully Groomed. Pesek began his professional ring career two years ago. Practically all over his matches have taken place in small Nebraska towns.

He has been carefully and systematically groomed by Matt Slattery, his manager. Now he is prepared to occupy a prominent position in the wrestling sun and he has issued a challenge to any wrestler in the world.

Pesek, during his brief career, has wrestled 40 matches and has earned a victory in each. He also has wrestled one or two time limit events in which there was no fall. He wrestled a one-hour match with Earl Caddock in which Caddock guaranteed to throw him within the time, but failed, and he wrestled a 20-minute draw with Jim Londos in a preliminary in Omaha. He later defeated Londos in a finish contest.

Big Time Start. The match with Peters will be Pesek's first start on the big time. Heretofore Lincoln is the largest city in which Pesek has ever wrestled.

Peters is not the first big time opponent Pesek has met. He has wrestled and conquered such top-liners as Jack Taylor, Yussif Hussane, Jim Londos, Charles Mortensen and Chris Sorenson.

Slotton fans declare Pesek is the coming champion of the world and they offer to back up their judgment with good coin of the realm against any opponent Pesek tackles. Matt Slattery offers to risk a \$10,000 side bet on Pesek against any wrestler in the game.

The July 4 show in Omaha will be at popular prices with seats selling at \$1, \$2 and \$3. The match will be in the afternoon in the open air at Kourke park. Jack Lewis, who will promote the go, will open headquarters at the Merchants hotel Monday and will begin to receive mail orders and reservations of seats. Seats will go on public sale the middle of this week.

EASTERN CREWS IN CLASH OVER REGATTA TITLE

By JACK VELOCK. New York, June 15.—There's a merry little controversy about the disposition of rowing honors among eastern crews this season.

At Pennsylvania the claim is made that the Quakers have proven their superiority, and if anybody is to get the laurels Penn should have them.

But at Cambridge the Harvard adherents, fresh from their victory over Yale on the Housatonic, are making strong claims in behalf of the Crimson varsity as the premier crew of the season.

There is no doubt in the minds of more sober-minded critics of rowing that both Penn and Harvard have topped crews this year. But just where to place the crown for the 1918 season is a question, though Penn's claims are somewhat stronger, on paper, at least.

Penn rowed four races, beating the Navy, Columbia, Princeton and Yale. Harvard rowed only two races, beating Princeton and Yale. On the Severn the Navy beat Penn and Columbia in the American regatta, and Navy supporters claim that victory wiped out Penn's former triumph to a certain extent, or at least evened matters up.

Cornell Starts Once. Yale lost to Penn and Harvard and Cornell started but once, being beaten by Princeton. Princeton lost to Harvard, Penn and Columbia, and therefore is counted out of the running for honors altogether, as is Syracuse, which entered only a freshman crew in this year's events.

So the controversy stands between Penn and Harvard, with the Navy given a loophole of championship claims from any direction, the rowing season of 1918 proved the justification of the return of the sport for it was, withal, one of the most successful held in a good many years, and rowing has been indulged in for over 60 years by colleges in this country.

Minnesota Grid Schedule Stiffest in Many Years

The 1918 football schedule of the University of Minnesota is regarded as the stiffest program in years. The season will open on September 28 with North Dakota opposing the Gophers on Northern field. From this date on Minnesota will face formidable opponents closing the season against Michigan at Ann Arbor on November 23. The schedule follows: September 28.—North Dakota at Minneapolis. October 6.—Chicago at Chicago. October 12.—Illinois at Minneapolis. October 19.—Indiana at Indianapolis. November 16.—Wisconsin at Minneapolis. November 22.—Michigan at Ann Arbor.

ROURKES RETURN HOME ON TUESDAY FOR SEVEN GAMES

Start Four-Game Series With Des Moines Tuesday; Then Three Frays With Sioux City.

The Rourke return to Omaha Tuesday to start a seven-game series on the home lot.

The Rourke are due to arrive in Omaha tomorrow from Joplin, where they wind up their series with the Miners today.

Monday, however, is a day of rest and Bill Jackson's hopefuls will start their stay on the local lot Tuesday.

Des Moines will be the first attraction. The Boosters from the Hawk-eye capital are scheduled to battle the locals Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

They come Sioux City for three games. The Sioux will show next Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Twilight Games. All of the games of the Des Moines series will be twilight games. But these games will not be started at the old twilight hour of 6:30. They will start 15 minutes later, at 6:45.

The success of twilight baseball when the Rourke were home before prompted Pa Rourke, owner of the local club, to set back the hour another 15 minutes.

Crowds at the twilight games were more than twice as large as at the daylight games. This has led Rourke to believe the fans like twilight ball during war times, so to make it more convenient for them to finish the day's work, consume the evening meal and then get to the ball park in ample time to see the game.

Plenty of Light. The days now are the longest of the year and even starting at 6:45 it will be a relatively easy matter to play the games before it is too dark to see, for as late as 8:45 it is still plenty light enough to see the game.

Pa Rourke has his eye on the Southern association, which is slated to hit the clouds June 28. The Southern numbers a lot of star athletes upon its roster and Pa hopes to snare a couple of them when June 28 rolls around.

DONICA IS ONLY ROURKE HITTING IN SELECT CLASS

Harry Donica is the only member of the Rourke family who is clouting the pit within the 300 circle. Donica is hitting .307, averages released yesterday show.

Al Callahan is the second best hit of the Rourke with the bat. Call has a mark of .287. Manager Bill Jackson follows in third place with a record of .275. Tony Defate is fourth with .257.

Thus does a peculiar situation exist. The four infielders of the Omaha team are the four leading hitters. This is a rare occurrence in baseball. Ordinarily an outfield surpluses in batting. But the Rourke outfield, after a good start, has taken a terrible slump.

Charlie Hanford is hitting only .250 and Doc Holderman has fallen to .202. Bill Kelly is trailing the league with a record of .118.

Holderman is tied with Cleveland of Hutchinson sacrifice hit honors with 12.

Roche of Hutchinson is the leading hitter of the league. He is slugging away at a .367 clip. Jack Coffey of Des Moines is the league's best base stealer. He has copped 15 sacks. Briebek of Oklahoma City and Coy of Wichita are the home run artists of the loop, each having negotiated five clouts for the circuit.

Shutting Out Boston is Annual Habit of Walter

(By International News Service.) Walter Johnson considers that season as poorly spent if he does not score at least one shutout against the Boston Red Sox. He started his 1918 campaign against the Boston team by handing out a long string of ciphers a few days ago, this being the eighth consecutive season in which Walter has rung up at least one shutout against the Hub representatives.

In 1907, his first year in the league, he started blanking the Beantown boys in 1907, his first year in the league, but the seasons of 1908-9-10 were unproductive. In 1911 he returned his whitewashing and no season has since gone by without at least one runless victory over the Red Sox for the Kansas Cyclone. In 1913 he turned the trick twice and in 1914 three times, all the other seasons showing one shutout.

Returns to Atlanta.

Balderno Acosta is back with the Atlanta Crackers. Washington sent him down to Atlanta before the season started, then recalled him. Now Manager Griffith decides to let Charley Frank use him again.

Amateur Games Today

- GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE. Murch-Dick vs. Beselina, doubleheader, 1:30 p. m., Luskus park. Armours vs. Holmes, doubleheader, 1:30, Holmes park. Kralkracks vs. Longways, 5:30, Athletic park. CITY LEAGUE. National Club Registers vs. Morris & Co., 3:30, Thirty-second and Dewey. Slags vs. Alpha Camp, W. O. W., Miller park. AMERICAN LEAGUE. McCaffrey Motor Co. vs. Florence Merchants, 1:30, Pottersville park. Daily News vs. Drasher Brothers, 3:30, West Elmwood. Kralovok Juniors vs. Phillips' department store, 1:30, Riverview. BOOSTER LEAGUE. Tribula Juniors vs. Parsley Commission Co., 1:30, Thirty-second and Dewey. J. B. Roots vs. Ramblers, 3:30, Riverview park. Homesteads vs. Harley Davidson, 1:30, Miller. Townsends vs. Riggs Optical Co., 1:30, West Elmwood.

Persuasive Eloquence of Wife Brings Dario Resta Back to Game of Thrills

Famous Automobile Driver Comes Out of Retirement Upon Pleading of Life Helpmate.

Dario Resta is a fatalist, or he would never have attained the world-wide reputation he now enjoys as an automobile race driver. Not much less of a fatalist is Mrs. Dario Resta, to whom speed devotees owe a vote of thanks for persuading her husband to return to the game after a year of inactivity.

After winning the title of speed king in 1915-1916, and with the attendant emoluments, Resta decided to retire from the game and rest upon his laurels as one of the greatest drivers auto racing has ever known. Mrs. Resta appeared satisfied with this arrangement until last August, when she induced her intrepid spouse to take one more whirl at the wheel.

Resta entered the Harkness Gold Trophy races at Sheepshead Bay, but was forced to withdraw after making a few circuits owing to a broken camshaft. Resta was so disappointed that he immediately announced that he would never race again.

Takes Wife for Spin. Dario was apparently sincere in his intentions until a few weeks ago when he drove his little roadster for the first time. He could not resist the temptation to let the car go at top speed and Mrs. Resta nodded assent when he opened the throttle valve.

And it was upon that spin that Resta's return to the game was decided upon. Mrs. Resta was carried away by the easy manner in which her husband handled the car over the roads and upon their return home she insisted that he enter for the Harkness handicap at Sheepshead Bay.

In this race Resta drove his new aeroplane motor and before his car caught fire at the fiftieth mile demonstrated that he had as much or more speed than any one on the track.

Mrs. Resta is no less a daring driver than her husband and knows the intricacies of a racing motor nearly as well as he does. She gained her knowledge from her brother, Spencer Wishart, who was killed in the Elgin road race several years ago. At the time of his death Wishart was considered among the really great young drivers.

Mrs. Resta, when unmarried, used to accompany her brother on many of his workouts for his big races. Since becoming Mrs. Resta, she may invariably be seen alongside her husband when he is tuning up for a speedway classic. She serves as his mechanic and but for Dario's reluctance, would take the wheel herself on the mad whirl around the track.

Encourages Dario. Were she not a fatalist she would not have permitted her husband to continue in the racing game after the untimely death of her brother. As a matter of fact she encourages Dario whenever he is contestant in a big race, and he considers her the charm he requires to make him certain of victory.

So when Dario arrives to compete in the Fourth annual auto derby at Speedway park on Saturday, June 22, Mrs. Resta will be right along to cheer him to another victory on the track where he has never been defeated.



Dario Resta, world's greatest auto racer and speedway champion of 1915-16, who will race De Palma, Duray, Oldfield, Chevrolet and 20 others in Chicago Auto derby on June 22. Beside him is his mascot, Mrs. Dario Resta.

Tony Stecher Discovers New Mat Protege; Weighs Only 250

A new Nebraska wrestling protege has been unearthed. Tony Stecher, brother and manager of Peerless Joe, is the discoverer.

This new Nebraska protege, who Tony confidently promises is going to be a winner one of these days, answers to the name of Joe Smeal. Like Joe Stecher he was born and educated in Dodge.

Smeal is only 18 years old. Also he only weighs 250 pounds. "A mere child," says Tony with a grin as he slants an expert optic at the massive form of his baby wrestler.

Smeal just graduated from the Dodge high school this year. He was something of an athlete at the high school and for three years played on the school basketball team.

For some time, Tony tried to persuade Smeal to take up wrestling. Smeal didn't care much about the sport and demurred. Wrestling was all right to watch, he said, but it didn't look like much fun.

But Tony was persistent. He continued to argue with the youngster. And finally Smeal consented to take a whirl at the boneracing pastime.

Now he's Joe Stecher's training partner. He's only been wrestling about three months, but he's strong as an ox and fairly fast. His basketball training gave him the speed. He also is learning the holds and Tony says he gives Joe Stecher a tussle in their training tilts.

"Look out for me," warns Tony. "Before long I'm going to have two wrestlers in my stable. I'll keep Smeal working all summer and then start him out next fall. And don't think that's too early to start this lad, for he's got the stuff. And 250 pounds, Oh, boy! We'll have all the championships up at Dodge."

Ty Cobb Gives His Views On War and National Game

(By International News Service.) "I'm in Class 2 and ready to answer when Uncle Sam calls me," said Ty Cobb, "but I'd really rather see baseball pass out. Don't think that if I go they'll have to close the gates. They'll play it when I am gone. But it isn't stop because of the war. While the boys are fighting in France there'll be many folks right here, and they'll want to forget the horrors of battle not permanently but for an hour or two each day. They'll want to go out and breathe the fresh air. Baseball players are professional entertainers, and as such it is my contention that they are essential to the country in furnishing recreation for the stay-at-homes. I'm not talking from the magnates' standpoint, but for our people. Baseball should go on as usual."

Former Cleveland Hurler Gets Commission in Army

Admirers of Clark Dickerson, former pitcher of the Cleveland Americans, are pleased with the announcement that he has been appointed a lieutenant in the national army. Dickerson was drafted last fall. He soon was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. He had experience in a military school before he took up professional baseball.

Transylvania College to Continue Foot Ball Program

Transylvania College will continue its athletic program this year. The athletic commission announced the following foot ball dates in addition to games with Ohio and Indiana colleges which are being arranged: October 5.—Kentucky Military Institute, at Lexington. October 19.—Kentucky Wesleyan, at Winchester. October 26.—Hanover at Lexington. November 3.—Center College, at Danville.

Double Bill Carded

A large crowd is expected at Holmes park this afternoon when the Armours, from Packersville and the Holmes White Sox tangle in a doubleheader. So far this season both of these teams have unraveled erratic base ball. One day they look like pennant winners and the next they look like the cellar kids. If both teams meander through the stiles today ready to dish out the same article, whether New York style or minor league stuff, it is a cinch that a pair of nifty tangles will greet the spectators. The Holmes has three kinkers, Zink, Grant and Baker, while the Armours have Graves, Stillnoch and Gurness.

News Notes Of Interest to Western Loop Fans

Snooks McCaffrey, the former Lincoln shortstopper who is playing a bangup game with the Phillies, goes to the army this week. Johnny Butler, who has the property of Sioux City, has been signed by Los Angeles. Butler's health would not permit his playing in the Western league. The Joplin club, it is reported, is about to change ownership. John Savage has a prospect in line. First Baseman Shanley, who quit the Des Moines team, has gone back to the practice of dentistry in Sioux City, his home. Herman Meyers, the new Western League umpire, worked in the league once before. He also officiated in the defunct Nebraska state and Minn leagues. The Rourke drew 4,000 people opening day at Oklahoma City. That's better than Omaha, presumably the best bet in the league, has drawn on any day this year. Or had for that matter. Polly McFarland, the time Topka infielder, has been sold by Shreveport, La., to Birmingham, N. Y. A former Western leaguer class A ball in the previous season with the Trible Frax. He is curling them. Manager Frank Delehanty of the Samplings is looking for a game on nose day. Tyler 182 will nip him. With the club Carl Stange was the big boy for the Brandeis last Sunday. He cornered two hits, one a two-bagger. Back of the pole Lacey is making a rop with the Holmes White Sox. His nodding plays a considerable part in every game. On corner two Joedy Gilham looks as sweet as ever. He has more pep than most of the spring chickens. Behind the stick Ryan showed up like a wizard for the Armours against the Kralkracks. Because he was not satisfied with one home run, Corcoran of the Armours collected one in first and one in the second game for the Armours against the Kralkracks. Some class A manager ought to induce Charlie Coe to again don the spanglers. He can come back. Last Wednesday Edward Minikus kissed Omaha goodbye. He joined the base hospital crew stationed at Des Moines, Ia. Harry Stags would welcome a few job umpiring in country towns. He has been tried and found guilty. For further information call Tyler 1823 or address 2220 Cumming street. In the left pasture Donahus is covering an acre of ground for the Kralkracks. He is a demon on his pedal in the evening. James Moore, twirler for the McCaffrey Motor company, cracked a single, two-bagger and three-bagger last Sunday. Frank Pascal, brother of Manager Pascal of the Florence Merchants, has signed up with the McCaffrey Motor company. The Walter G. Clark play at Shandandoh, Ia., today. Earlier this season Shandandoh whipped the Clark and the latter are out for revenge. For trouble with the Walter G. Clark call Webster 3541 after 6 p. m. The Clark are looking for a game July 4. Last Sunday Nemo Paaha held down the hot corner for the Holmes White Sox. He will probably finish the season with the Holmes. Even Edward Gurness has staged a comeback. He played with the Armours last Sunday. For the Beselina Arthur Dyck has been twirling good ball. He is especially good in the pinches. To date Jawn Denison has not given much attention to the Central Furniture Store team, of which he is a member.

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SANDLOT LOOPS SURVIVE FIGHT AGAINST ODDS

Despite Drain of Talent by War Call, Amateur Base Ball Association Continues to Prosper.

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Players come and players go. They are just like a first class feminine shopper on the go all the time.

Nevertheless, the local bosses are not as blue as the ocean, but just the opposite. They are all filled to the brim with the fighting spirit and as a consequence will not leave a stone unturned to make this season a success despite the rocky road. To all the leagues that toed the mark when the bell rang are still in the ring. The Greater Omaha league is entering. The City league is shy one team. Two squads bolted away from the American league. Although the Booster league is composed of eight teams none of them has inculcated the droopy to date. A pair of teams have deserted the Intercity league.

Last Sunday the Omaha Cubs, a local brown skin aggregation of horsehide pelters packed themselves in an auto truck at an early hour contemplating an enjoyable sun bath from here to Bennington, Neb. When they arrived they were going to show the boys stationed at said village how to play base ball. The colored warriors were as happy as if attending a watermelon party until something went wrong with their gas wagon about seven miles out of Benson. Evidently the colored boys didn't know enough about machinery to oil a wheelbarrow for said truck proved as balky as a mule, despite the efforts of the base ballists. It was a sad party that put on the reverse and shank footed it back to the Benson car line.

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An excellent doubleheader is looked for by the followers of the Beselins and Murphy Did It at Luskus park this afternoon. The first bat will commence at 1:30 p. m. Of course the Solomons have all picked the Anvil Kids to snag a pair without much trouble, but according to Roy Stacey, the big chief of the Beselins, the cabbage weed representative are going to smoke the Murphys out without a side glance at the sweet meats. Hay and Potach will be on the firing line for the Murphys. The Beselins will use their best heavies.

Sand Lot Gossip. At corner one Nurgard is a crack digger 'em out of the dust, and he goes up a mile after the high ones. He is associated with the Beselins. Hazen, custodian of the left pasture for the Murphy Did It, is a peacherino. He gloms 'em all, has a wonderful arm and is a speed merchant. Even Swede Nelson can come back. He twirled a three-hit game for the Beselins at Pottersville.

For the C. B. Metcalfe Hanson is the star on the rubber. His professional experience ought to help some against amateurs. The Walter G. Clark play at Shandandoh, Ia., today. Earlier this season Shandandoh whipped the Clark and the latter are out for revenge. For trouble with the Walter G. Clark call Webster 3541 after 6 p. m. The Clark are looking for a game July 4. Last Sunday Nemo Paaha held down the hot corner for the Holmes White Sox. He will probably finish the season with the Holmes. Even Edward Gurness has staged a comeback. He played with the Armours last Sunday. For the Beselina Arthur Dyck has been twirling good ball. He is especially good in the pinches. To date Jawn Denison has not given much attention to the Central Furniture Store team, of which he is a member.

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Facts and Figures on the Athletes

Table with columns for Western League, National League, and American League. Includes team batting averages, club fielding, and batting averages for individual players.